

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 12, 2002, in which the Examiner required an election between Species I, drawn to Figures 1 through 11, Species II, drawn to Figure 12, and Species III, drawn to Figure 13. The Examiner stated that Claims 31 through 34 were generic.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Species I, upon which Claims 1 through 17 and 31 through 34 are readable. In so electing, Applicants reserve the right to submit one or more divisional applications directed to the claims that are readable upon non-elected Species II and III at a later time.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submits that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-624-3947 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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